

# Maurice Hinchey NEWS

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### HINCHEY SECURES OVER \$8 MILLION FOR AREA PROJECTS

#### *FDR SITE AND HERITAGE AREA FUNDED*

WASHINGTON - The Interior Appropriations Conference Committee has agreed to provide over \$8 million requested by U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) for projects in the Hudson Valley and Catskill region. The conference report, which the joint House-Senate Conference Committee negotiated today, includes funding for the Franklin D. Roosevelt historic site, the New York City Watershed and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

"I am gratified that the items I worked to place in the Interior Appropriations bill were agreed to by the conference committee," said Hinchey. "These are very important projects that will have a tremendous positive impact on our area. The agreement today virtually ensures that this funding will be signed into law."

The conference report includes:

- \$5.63 million for the construction of a visitors' center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt historic site in Hyde Park,
- \$1.8 million for the protection of and economic development in the New York City Watershed,
- \$900,000 for the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which was created by legislation Hinchey wrote in 1996.

Hinchey is the only New York member of the Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. The Interior Subcommittee is one of thirteen subcommittees responsible for drafting a portion of federal discretionary spending each year. Hinchey was also a member of the joint conference committee that resolved the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The conference report must next be passed by the House and Senate before being sent to the president for his signature.